



# **COUNCIL MEETING**

## ***Agenda***

Thursday, 30th March, 2023

at 4.45 pm or on the rising of the Extraordinary meeting held prior to it.

In the Assembly Room  
Town Hall  
Saturday Market Place  
King's Lynn

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk** which will commence at **4.45 pm**, or on the rising of the Extraordinary meeting held prior to it, on **Thursday, 30th March, 2023** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn to transact the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Gore  
Chief Executive

#### **BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

**1. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 February and 9 March 2023 (previously circulated).

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

**4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive Mayor's communications and announcements.

**5. URGENT BUSINESS**

To receive any items of business which in the opinion of the Mayor are urgent.

## **6. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

**(Members are reminded this is a debate, not a question and answer session)**

To consider the following recommendations to Council:

### **1) Cabinet: 7 March 2023 (Pages 6 - 10)**

CAB141: Local Plan – Inspector’s Letter – Recommended Way Forward  
CAB142: Review of Unreasonable Complaints Policy  
CAB143: LGA Model Code of Conduct  
CAB144: Members Allowances Scheme 2021-2025  
CAB146: Freedom of the Borough Update  
CAB147: Governance Review Task Group

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

i) To consider the following Notice of Motion (6/23), submitted by Councillor Parish and seconded by Councillor Dark:

“This Council has received briefings on the County ‘devolution’ Deal currently being considered by Norfolk County Council.

In light of these we note that there is nothing in the ‘deal’ currently that impacts on the powers and sovereignty of this council and more money could be coming to Norfolk as a consequence of it.

However, the ‘deal’ text is currently out to public consultation and going through Parliament before a final debate and decision at Norfolk County Council at around December 2023, so alterations in the coming months are a real possibility.

Consequently, this council believes it is prudent to reserve it’s final position on the ultimate ‘deal’ at this time and instructs officers to continue engaging on behalf of West-Norfolk, focussed on 3 areas; this council’s powers and sovereignty remain undiminished; West-Norfolk will have a fair say in the priorities being set for any new funding under the ‘deal’ and West-Norfolk will have a fair opportunity to access such funding with a report being brought before council promptly if anything material to the above changes or in sufficient time for consideration and debate to occur and a clear public position to be taken before the County Council decision in December 2023.”

ii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (7/23), submitted by Councillor Sandell and seconded by Councillor Dark

As this council comes to the end of its term and reflects back on an unprecedented, exceptionally demanding four years it formally thanks its staff, partner councils and agencies, partner charities and the many local volunteer groups and individuals who have worked flexibly, diligently and effectively to

support and move West Norfolk forwards throughout this time.

**9. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 11 - 26)**

In accordance with Standing Order 11, to receive reports from Cabinet Members moved en bloc, under Standing Order 11.2 Members of the Council may ask questions of Cabinet Members on their reports and Portfolio areas. The order of putting questions shall commence with a Member from the largest opposition group, proceeding in descending order to the smallest opposition group, followed by a non-aligned Member and finally a Member from the ruling group. This order shall repeat until the time for questions has elapsed or there are no more questions to be put.

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses shall not exceed 50 minutes for all Cabinet Members, excluding the Leader

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses to the Leader shall not exceed 15 minutes.

**(Councillors are reminded that this is a question and answer session not a debate.)**

**Corporate Services - Councillor H Humphrey**

**Environment - Councillor P Kunes**

**Development - Councillor R Blunt**

**Finance – Councillor A Dickinson**

**Property – Councillor A Lawrence**

**People and Communities – Councillor S Sandell**

**Deputy Leader and Business, Culture & Heritage – Councillor G Middleton – to follow**

**Leader - Councillor S Dark – to follow**

**10. MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with Standing Order 11.2 (b), Members of the Council may ask any questions of the Chair of any Council Body (except the Cabinet).

Lorraine Gore  
Chief Executive